

# Chalkdust: Reorganization Plans

Last week, readers were informed of plans for merging parent and student groups from Chowan and Holmes as far as parent organizations, the band, cheerleaders, sports activities, student clubs and activities are concerned.

This week Chalk's dust will touch on the Courses of Study which have been established for 9 through 12 students next fall.

For present Chowan High School students, the curriculum offering will look, possibly, like that from a junior college. Whereas in the past they have had approximately forty-seven courses from which to choose, they will now have one-hundred twenty. Because it is a larger school to begin with, the present Holmes students won't see that much change in courses from which to choose. However there will be approximately ten new courses that have not been included in the past curriculum.

The expansion of curriculum is one of the big advantages of consolidation. With an increase in the number of students comes an increase in the number of teachers. This has made possible courses that go beyond the minimum required by the State.

Whereas in the past, for example, two teachers were teaching the same English course (one at Chowan and one at Holmes), a teacher is free to teach another course. That's probably as clear as colored chalk dust. In essence, through consolidation, the duplication of courses being taught and teacher instruction time will be erased.

Courses offered to high school students at Holmes next year will give excellent preparation for a variety of careers - for students who are planning to go on to college, become farmers, interested in construction or secretarial work and in several other vocational areas. Courses will be offered at various academic levels - advanced, basic, practical and remedial. The level of placement will depend upon a student's capability and interest.

To help students with their selection of courses and to start them out on the right foot for whatever their after-graduation plans may be, parents, teachers and guidance counselors will be heavily involved. Prior to registration, there will be a trial, pre-registration.

Students have been given a copy of the complete course offering to go over with parents for selection of

courses and levels. When this phase is completed, six of the students' teachers must sign their approval to the course and levels selected before final placement of the student will be made. The teachers' recommendations will be based on their knowledge of the students' past performance ability, information in the students' permanent school records and teachers counseling with students. This measure is taken to assure that a student does not select courses which will not be beneficial in reference to future plans and to guard against a student taking courses at a level too easy or too difficult.

Prior to the trial pre-registration, which is being conducted at Chowan and Holmes this week, as well as at D.F. Walker School for rising freshmen, school staff and home room teachers planned to go over the course descriptions and offerings with students to guide them in the right direction.

Soon, actual registration will take place, over an approximate two week period, as each individual child has his schedule checked and discussed with a school counselor. As explained in last

week's talk, information in this series is based on decisions established and approved by various Committees for Consolidation and Reorganization and the Board of Education.

For those of you who may or may not remember, the Cohesiveness Committee had its recommendations approved by the School Board that the names of consolidating schools, school colors and mascots remain the same for next year. This committee is heavily weighted with students. It was their decision to keep school identities the same, rather than come up with totally new names. This group's feeling was that even though the names might be changed, the innermost loyalties of students would not immediately change. The consensus of feeling was that once the merger takes place, and in due time, students will acquire a sense of common identity.

Student committee members have displayed mature and unselfish attitudes which are gratifying, considering that this committee is composed of elementary and junior high, as well as high school students - with adult guidance naturally.

The first big joint identification step has already been taken at high school with the decision of a new design for the class of 1981's ring.

Consolidation and reorganization for Chowan County's students is a positive step in the right direction for better education for students. Sure, there will be times when everyone's emotions will be strained. That's when adults will be called upon to exercise their mature judgement and work to help students over the rough spots.

Next week, Chalkdust will try to fill in some of the informational crevices pertaining to other areas of consolidation.



Our alphabet evolved from old Phoenician script.



MAKING SUN TEA using solar heat was a fun activity for, left to right, Cindy Byrum, Carla Coston and Stacy Hughes during their class study of the sun.

## Daylight Saving Time

ELIZABETH CITY — When Daylight Saving Time comes into effect April 27, at 2 A.M., a group of Carolina Telephone employees will be working diligently late into the night to ensure that its customers know the proper time on Sunday morning.

When the country makes its time change, the company has to make adjustments in its time announcement service and in its computerized timing and rating of long distance calls. The number for the correct time is 338-0121.

An employee at each switching office is assigned to turn forward the time recording so that it reflects the change from Eastern Standard Time to Daylight

Miss Felton Chosen

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vice-president of the Student Government Association and president of the Chowan High School Student Council. She was selected as DAR Good Citizen in her junior year, is a State and National Close-Up Club participant, and served as a counselor at the Student-Faculty Retreat in 1979. Gail has been a cheerleader for three years, and heads the group this year. She was escorted to the Rotary function by Principal John Guard.

Herbert has been a member of both the marching band and stage band during all four of his high school years. He has been a member of the track team for three years. As a member of the Modern Music Masters, Herbert originated and chaired a committee that sponsored the popular lunch period performances during "Music in Our Schools" week. He was accompanied to the Rotary meeting by Mrs. Shelby Strother, choral instructor at Holmes High School.

## GIANT QUIZ!

The 1st correct answer called in will receive a prize. This week's question...

Last week's answer: Denver Nuggets, New York Nets, San Antonio Spurs & Indiana Pacers Winner: Jean Keeter

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## CHS To Hold Reunion

Persons who attended Chowan High School anytime from 1922 to 1980 are invited to attend the Alumni Weekend activities, beginning Friday and continuing through Sunday.

An alumni talent show and basketball games are scheduled to kick-off the weekend's activities, starting at 7:30 Friday night in the Chowan High gym. A 25-cent donation is being asked.

Alumni softball games will begin Saturday at 11 A.M. followed with baseball games at 1 P.M.

Class reunions will be held from 3 to 5 P.M. at various designated areas on the

school grounds. The gymnasium, from 9 P.M. until 12 A.M., will host an Alumni Disco Dance. Admission will be \$3 per couple, \$2 single.

From 9 P.M. until 1 A.M. the American Legion Building will host an Alumni Dance featuring music from the 50's and 60's. Admission will be \$10 per couple. Social hour will begin at 8 P.M.

Finally, on Sunday from 3 to 5 P.M., speakers from different years will be featured at the school's closing ceremonies. Past teachers and administrators will be recognized during the event.

## Extension Club News

Center Hill Extension Club met at the Center Hill Community Building on Tuesday night April 15, 1980 with Mrs. H. T. Hollowell hostess. Mrs. Hollowell, president, called the meeting to order. The devotion was selected from

"The Open Window" written by Mrs. Helen Parker. Mrs. J. C. Boyce led in prayer.

Mrs. Joe Wiggins, Foods and Nutrition leader presented the lesson on "Lable It, Nutrition." She handed out lesson sheets

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## Baseball Funds Sought

The American Legion Baseball season is less than six weeks away and E. C. Toppin, program manager, said Tuesday the baseball committee is trying to raise funds to support a program suffering all the pains of inflation.

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